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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR DISTRIBUTING SOFTWARE  
BETWEEN COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated February 24, 2005 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-40 for failing to comply with the written description requirement (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 1) and as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants discussed with the Examiner an amendment to the claims to overcome the written description rejection. The Examiner said he would enter this amendment to remove this rejection. The Examiner declined to grant a phone interview to discuss the prior art rejection, and requested that Applicants submit their arguments in writing for consideration. Applicants submit that all pending claims are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13.